

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 304 – SB 845**

March 16, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires that city and county attorneys consult with and advise elected officials, their deputies, and their employees on correct implementation and enforcement of federal and state laws.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000\***

Assumptions:

- This bill is not relevant to state operations.
- Based on information from The County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS), to the extent a county or city attorney is not already advising local government officials on compliance with federal and state law, then there will be an increase in local government expenditures.
- Given the extent of unknown factors, a precise impact to local governments cannot be determined. However, the increase in local expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide. Such estimate is based on at least one city or county being required to employ at least one additional attorney. This increase in local expenditures is considered mandatory to locals given the bill requires city and county attorneys to consult with and advise elected officials, deputies, and employees.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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